

Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing

“Is the Bush Administration Being Vigilant in Safeguarding American Taxpayer Dollars in Iraq?”

Witness Biographies

Philip Coyle

Center for Defense Information

Philip Coyle is a senior advisor to the Center for Defense Information. Mr. Coyle has extensive experience in worldwide military research, development and testing, operational military matters, and national security policy and defense spending, including defense acquisition reform and defense procurement.

From Sept. 29, 1994, through Jan. 20, 2001, he was Assistant Secretary of Defense and Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, in the Department of Defense, and is the longest serving director in the 20-year history of the office. In this capacity, he was the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense on test and evaluation at DOD.

At DOD, Mr. Coyle’s responsibilities included stewardship of the Defense Department’s Major Range and Test Facility Bases, including the large test ranges and test centers which DOD operates from Maryland and Florida to California and Hawaii.

Mr. Coyle was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission. During the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), he served as the co-chairman of the Defense Department’s Joint Cross-Service Group for Test and Evaluation, with joint cross-service authority for all military bases and test ranges involved in test and evaluation.

As Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Mr. Coyle had responsibility for overseeing the test and evaluation of over 200 major defense acquisition systems. This included reporting to the Secretary of Defense, and to Congress, on the adequacy of the DOD testing programs, and on the results from those testing programs. Mr. Coyle was called upon regularly to testify before Congress and to brief Congressional staff on the status of major defense acquisition programs.

Mr. Coyle has 40 years experience in research, development, and testing matters. From 1959 to 1979, and again from 1981 to 1993, he worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California. From 1987 to 1993, he served as Laboratory Associate Director and Deputy to the Laboratory Director. In recognition of Mr. Coyle’s 33 years of service to the laboratory and to the University of California, the university named him Laboratory Associate Director Emeritus.

Lawrence Korb
Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

Lawrence Korb is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and a Senior Advisor to the Center for Defense Information. Prior to joining the Center, he was a Senior Fellow and Director of National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. From July 1998 to October 2002, he was Council Vice President, Director of Studies, and holder of the Maurice Greenberg Chair.

Prior to joining the Council, Mr. Korb served as Director of the Center for Public Policy Education and Senior Fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution, Dean of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh, and Vice President of Corporate Operations at the Raytheon Company.

Mr. Korb served as Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Logistics) from 1981 through 1985. In that position, he administered about 70 percent of the Defense budget. For his service in that position, he was awarded the Department of Defense's medal for Distinguished Public Service. Mr. Korb served on active duty for four years as Naval Flight Officer, and retired from the Naval Reserve with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Korb's 20 books and more than 100 articles on national security issues include *The Joint Chiefs of Staff: The First Twenty-five Years*; *The Fall and Rise of the Pentagon*; *American National Security: Policy and Process*, *Future Visions for U.S. Defense Policy*; *Reshaping America's Military*; and *A New National Security Strategy in an Age of Terrorists, Tyrants, and Weapons of Mass Destruction*.

His articles have appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *Public Administration Review*, *New York Times Magazine*, *Naval Institute Proceedings*, and *International Security*. Over the past decade, Mr. Korb has appeared on *The Today Show*, *The Early Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Face the Nation*, *This Week with David Brinkley*, *MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour*, *News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, *Nightline*, *60 Minutes*, *Larry King Live*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, and *Crossfire*. His more than 100 op-ed pieces have appeared in such major newspapers as the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and *Christian Science Monitor*.

Barry Godfrey
Former Employee, KBR

Mr. Godfrey is a former KBR subcontracts administrator who uncovered fraudulent contracting overcharges. Mr. Godfrey will testify about the activities of his former employer and certain subcontractors, which billed the government for millions of dollars

in fraudulent food service charges and retaliated against him once he reported the misconduct.

Prior to working at KBR, Mr. Godfrey served in the U.S. Army, held a top-secret clearance, and was honorably discharged. He then worked for 18 years for the Arabian American Oil Company (“Aramco”), where he retired as head of the Infrastructure Projects Division. At Aramco, Mr. Godfrey supervised a staff of 125, and implemented a \$900 million five-year budget. In 2004, Mr. Godfrey joined KBR hoping to help the war effort in Iraq.

Beth Hanken
Midwest Ventures, Inc.

Ms. Hanken is the president of Midwest Ventures Inc., an Iowa-based meat exporting company. After bidding for a contract to supply U.S. troops in Iraq with food, Ms. Hanken lost business and experienced retaliation for alerting the military to fraudulent contracting practices by PWC, a large, Kuwaiti company that has the primary food supply contract for U.S. troops in Iraq.

Specifically, Ms. Hanken complained to the Department of Defense that she was not allowed to do business in Iraq because she refused to pay PWC what amounted to a bribe that would have been charged to the taxpayers. Hanken filed a federal lawsuit in June 2006 alleging that PWC colluded with others “to overcharge the U.S. government by millions of dollars.” Ms. Hanken will testify about the fraudulent practices she witnessed and the government’s failure to investigate her allegations.